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Conference room: 329
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Comments:

I support HB2276, Relating to Skateboards because I think that kids should be required to wear helmets when skateboarding. I live in Salt Lake and I often see kids riding their skateboards on hills, on the roads, but without any protective gear. Last year a boy was seriously injured when he was riding a skateboard in our neighborhood and he might have had a different result if he was wearing a helmet. Hopefully this bill will make kids and parents more aware of the risks of riding skateboards.

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Comments:

Please pass HB2276. Children are currently required to wear helmets when they ride a bike or a motorcycle, they should also wear a helmet when they ride a bike. Injuries affecting the head or neck are most common among teens and young adults and their rate of injury is two to three times greater than for any other age group. We should follow other states like New Mexico because in 2007, New Mexico began enforcing the Child Helmet Safety Act, which requires those under age 18 to wear helmets when riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates and tricycles. A study by the New Mexico Office of Injury Prevention that compared child helmet use rates before and one year after the law passed showed that overall observed helmet use increased by nearly 10 percent, from 12.2 percent to 21.7 percent. Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.